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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Marine and Waterfront Protection Authority (MWPA)
FROM: Mercedes Carcasses, *Code Compliance Administrator and MWPA Liaison*
DATE: August 11, 2015
SUBJECT: **Meeting of the Marine and Waterfront Protection Authority on Tuesday, August 11, 2015**

Robert Santos-Albornoz

for CCA Mercedes Carcasses

A meeting of the Marine and Waterfront Protection Authority (MWPA) has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the City Manager's Large Conference Room, 4th Floor of City Hall. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Review and approval of The Marine and Waterfront Protection Authority (MWPA) minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting.
2. Margarita Wells to provide environmental update.
3. John Ripple to provide update and introduction as Beach Maintenance Director.
4. Potential use of breakwater devices to supplement beach re-nourishment projects.
5. Update on the relocation of the Beach Walk between 3rd and 5th street to be provided by Project Manager, addressing how and why the current Beach Walk relocation plan is being implemented.
6. Mark Milisits to provide update on beach front management plan.
7. 2016 Yacht & Brokerage Show.
8. Purdy Ramp.
9. Access to Marine Channels.
10. Open Discussion.

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MARINE AND WATERFRONT PROTECTION AUTHORITY MEETING August 11, 2015

- 1. (Old Business): REVIEW AND APPROVAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MARINE AND WATERFRONT PROTECTION AUTHORITY OF JULY 14, 2015.**

Mercedes Carcasses, Code Compliance Administrator and Liaison to MWPA

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Marine and Waterfront Protection Authority Members:

Albert Parron – Appointed by Mayor Phillip Levine
Captain Daniel Kipnis – Appointed by Commissioner Jonah M. Wolfson
Dr. Ronald Shane – Appointed by Commissioner Joy Malakoff
Dr. Morris Sunshine – Appointed by Commissioner Michael Grieco
Monica Casanova – Appointed by Mayor Phillip Levine
Robert Schwartz – Appointed by Commissioner Joy Malakoff
Sasha Boulanger – Appointed by Commissioner Ed Tobin
Lizette Lopez – Appointed by Commissioner Jonah M. Wolfson
Robert Christoph Jr. – Appointed by Commissioner Michael Grieco
Christian De La Iglesia – Appointed by Commissioner Micky Steinberg

Date: August 11, 2015

Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of the Marine and Waterfront Protection Authority (MWPA) of July 14, 2015.

The attendees were as follows:

Board members: Chairman Captain Dan Kipnis, Sasha Boulanger, Robert Schwartz, Dr. Morris Sunshine, Albert Parron, Dr. Ronald Shane and Christian De La Iglesia.

Public: See attendance sheet attached.

City Staff: Mercedes Carcasses, Code Compliance Adm., Code Compliance Dept., Noelia Gonzalez, Office Associate IV, Code Compliance Department, Margarita Wells, Environmental Resource Manager, Building Department
Luis Sanchez, Sergeant, Miami Beach Police Department
Oniel Toledo, Project Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department
Mark Milisits, Asset Manager, Real Estate, Housing and Community Dev.
Max Sklar, Director, Tourism, Culture and Economic Development
Javier Parodi, Code Compliance Officer, Code Compliance Dept.

Absent: Monica Casanova, Lizette Lopez and Robert Christoph.

MEETING COMES TO ORDER AT: 9:04 AM

Minutes review. Motion to approve the June meeting minutes made by Albert Parron; seconded by Dr. Morris Sunshine. (7-0).

OPEN DISCUSSION

Environmental Update: Environmental Manager, Margarita Wells provided update on the Beach Front Management Plan in process. A Beach Front Management Ad Hoc Advisory Group will be meeting on August 18, 2015 in the City Manager's Large Conference Room from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Ms. Wells informed MWPA members that the North Beach Dune Trimming was complete and that Middle Beach would be next. The area in question was north of 23rd street. Miami Beach Mayor Levine met with other coastal city mayors to encourage local, state and federal agencies to put resources towards beach re-nourishment projects. The city recently hired John Ripple as the Beach Maintenance Director. MWPA requested that he be invited to next month's meeting. The proposed no wake zone in the Malloy Channel going to second reading in September.

Breakwater Devices: Dr. Morris Sunshine requested that the usage of breakwater devices to supplement sand re-nourishment projects in Miami Beach be introduced at the August MWPA meeting.

Beach Relocation: Dr. Morris Sunshine requested an update on the relocation of the beach walk between 3rd and 5th Street. MWPA requested that the project manager be invited to provide a status update on the current beach walk relocation plan and its implementation.

Introduction of New Board Member: Christian De La Iglesia introduced himself as the newest board member appointed by Commissioner Micky Steinberg.

Signage along Beach Walk: Dr. Morris Sunshine made a second request to have the city place more signs on the beach walk prohibiting segways, etc...

Locker Program: Asset Manager Mark Milisits, provided an update on the locker rental program. He explained that the trailers have not been successful due partly to the distance between beach goers and the lockers. The current portable locker systems, AquaVault, have had issues with the self programmable locking mechanism and rapid deterioration. A redesigned AquaVault is being reviewed by the city and a new and improved system will likely be seen in the future.

Beachfront Concessions Plan: Asset Manager Mark Milisits informed the board that the new Rules and Regulations will be finalized and included in the revised Beachfront Management Plan. When the updated plan is finalized it will be reviewed by an Ad Hoc Advisory Board. Dr. Morris Sunshine requests a copy of the Beachfront Management Plan once it has been finalized. Mr. Milisits confirmed he will be at the August meeting for another update.

Beach Front Management Plan: Marcela Paz Cohen spoke, referencing her concerns for public safety along the beach front. She expressed that beach equipment being used by concessionaires was in poor condition and that concessionaire vehicles were traversing the beach in a careless manner, among several other concerns. Director Max Sklar spoke about

the current enforcement procedures, and at that moment they can only issue courtesy notices or rescind vendor licenses. He explained that the new proposed plan includes revised enforcement procedures with fines, additional penalties, etc...

Motion: Dr. Morris Sunshine made a motion to the MWPA, that the City of Miami Beach support the application by the Real Estate Office for administrative authority to enforce beach concession rules. (7-0)

Unpermitted Operations: Captain Daniel Kipnis informed the MWPA of businesses operating in the bay area. Although the City of Miami Beach has no jurisdiction on what occurs in the bay, these businesses have been conducting pick-ups in Miami Beach. Dr. Morris Sunshine made a motion, that the chairman of this board has pointed out important legal and safety issues relative to the safety and operation of jet-ski's off our shores and that this board authorizes our chairman to discuss with the legal department and code compliance means and ways to bring this outfit into compliance with laws and proper operating procedures. Second by Robert Schwartz (7-0)

Mastermind Empire LLC: Francisco Rivera and Felipe Rivera appeared before the board for approval to operate. Mark Milisits explains that in order to use water channel for water sports, Mastermind Empire LLC, needs to seek approval through the City Commission, furthermore Boucher Bros would have to seek the approval on behalf of Mastermind Empire LLC.

FWC Watercraft Requirement: Brian Freedman with American Watersports South Beach, LLC informs the board of current FWC training requirements. He shared his thoughts and concerns on the city's ability to enforce licenses in and around the city limits.

Water Taxi: Water taxi is still in the Manager's Office. The water taxi will need to build a dock and fix the sea wall on the south end of Purdy Park. The water taxi is also said to be partnering with the "Big Red Bus" in an effort to create a more effective transportation system.

Meloy Channel: Ronald Shane makes motion to support making Meloy Channel an no wake zone from the McArthur Causeway to Government Cut, Robert Schwartz second the motion. (7-0)

Beach Gates: Dr. Morris Sunshine requested for additional information in regards to gates closing the beach at night. Marcela Paz Cohen, provided update.

Vice Chair: Dr. Ronald Shane nominated Robert Schwartz as the new Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Albert Parron. (7-0)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 10:35 AM

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- 2. (New Business): Margarita Wells to provide environmental update.**
Margarita Wells, Environmental Resource Manager, Building Department

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3. **(New Business): John Ripple to provide update and introduction as Beach Maintenance Director.**

John Ripple, Beach Maintenance Director, Parks and Recreation Department

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- 4. (New Business): Potential use of breakwater devices to supplement beach re-nourishment projects.**

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5. **(New Business): Update on the relocation of the beach walk between 3rd and 5th street to be provided by Project Manager, addressing how and why the current beach walk relocation plan is being implemented.**
Elizabeth Wheaton, Assistant Director, Building Services

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- 6. (New Business): Mark Milisits to provide update on beach front management plan.**

Mark Milisits, Asset Manager, Real Estate, Housing and Community Development

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- 7. (New Business): 2016 Yacht & Brokerage Show**
Mr. Dane Graziano

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8. (New Business): Purdy Ramp

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9. (New Business): Access to Marine Channels.

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10. (New Business): Open Discussion

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